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1. No rioting has taken place in Poland, and reports of disturbances put out by foreign broadcasting stations caused surprise among the general public. In view of the untruth of these reports and the fact that any disturbance would be most unlikely at the present time, the general opinion of people listening to foreign broadcasts was that such information was "laughable".

2. It is reported that rumors concerning alleged anti-regime demonstrations are completely unfounded and that no such demonstrations took place. On the other hand, the population hopes that the events in East Germany, the government changes in Hungary, and the liquidation of Beria may lead to a more moderate internal policy in Poland, and in particular to a slowing down of the rate of collectivization of farms.

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3. [redacted] the reports published in the foreign press about alleged rioting in Silesia and other parts of Poland are completely unfounded. [redacted] Furthermore, [redacted] no [redacted] increased numbers of police or troops in the towns [redacted] which would certainly have been the case if any riots had taken, or had been expected to take place.

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